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ASPEN v2   **– beta release**
BLIZZARD v2   **– beta release**
ISS-2   **– data refresh**

Greetings:

Enclosed you will find a CD containing the latest FMCSA roadside inspection software including ASPEN v2, BLIZZARD v2, and ISS-2. These are all new, third generation, 32-bit versions of these programs which incorporate numerous enhancements.

All three are fully compliant with SAFETYNET-2000 and SAFER. They are being released as beta software to provide all users a chance to evaluate, test, and comment on any anomalies and provide enhancement suggestions prior to final release later this summer.

ASPEN v2 uses the SAFETYNET-2000 data structure and communication strategy. No provisions have been made to feed inspection data from it into SAFETYNET-10 so only SAFETYNET-2000 beta test States can fully test the inspection transfer process. **All users, however, can conduct inspections, store results locally and print the inspection report.**

ISS-2 is entirely an update of the National Motor Carrier database which includes results from the April 2000 SafeStat run. We will continue to release ISS-2 updates quarterly and activate the online refresh later this year when SAFETYNET is finally released.

BLIZZARD v2 is the communications router for transferring inspection data in and out of SAFER and local FMCSA Division and State systems.   BLIZZARD v2 is already in wide use for moving ASPEN v1 inspections. It is fully functional with SAFETYNET-10. Changes in this latest beta release are primarily to facilitate transfers to SAFETYNET-2000 using the new inspection file format.

Detailed paper documentation as well as electronic documentation on the CD is included for all three software packages.

Support is available from the FMCSA Technical Support Center and comments and questions can also be directed to Carol Gore at the FMCSA Field Systems Group.

Your evaluation of this software is greatly appreciated. The goal is to provide all users a strong voice in developing the ASPEN system for conducting roadside inspections. With your help, we will be able to deliver the best possible National driver/vehicle safety inspection software with release of SAFETYNET-2000 later this summer.

Sincerely,

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